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DINOLFO PURSUES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LAKESHORE RESIDENTS

County Explores Legal Action to Protect Residents Along Lake Ontario

Today, County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** and New York State Deputy Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs **Joseph Rabito** visited residents and business owners on Lake Ontario viewing damage to property, businesses and danger to public infrastructure. Greece Supervisor **William Reilich** and Irondequoit Supervisor **Dave Seeley** participated in this review of high water damage, in their respective towns. During the visit, Dinolfo continued to request that the State's assistance be expedited in the form of barriers to armor roadways and financial compensation for those impacted by the high lake levels.

"As of today, New York State has agreed to provide \$10 million for local municipalities to respond to high lake levels but more is needed to address the current situation and future needs of homeowners, businesses and municipalities," said County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo. *"I'm calling on the State Legislature to work together to find common ground on a bill to provide financial support for residents along the Lake."*

Consistent with her commitment to fight for financial assistance, County Executive Dinolfo sent a letter to Monroe County's State delegation urging them to come to resolution on legislation that would provide individual assistance to residents of Monroe County.

"As of today, record-high lake levels remain. Since the beginning of this effort, I have continually called upon the International Joint Commission to reduce the levels of Lake Ontario and to make the property owners whole. Today, I'm renewing my call," said County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo. *"This is a situation that cannot be repeated."*

Further, County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo has asked the Monroe County Law Department to take any legal action necessary to protect the property and safety of all Monroe County residents and businesses along the shores of Lake Ontario as well as public infrastructure impacted by high waters which affect all Monroe County residents.

"As the waters of Lake Ontario continue to remain high, we are pursuing all options to provide relief for our citizens," said County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo. *"Our residents and local governments are already taking all the steps we can to reduce further damage to their properties and businesses."*

From the inception of the flooding, Monroe County has and will continue to work closely with local municipalities and the State of New York to coordinate sandbag operations, armor at-risk roadways, secure local infrastructure from flooding and to provide guidance for property owners on ways to protect their property and ensure their safety. To date, the county has coordinated the distribution of over a quarter million sandbags.

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